

InBRIEF

Man held over attack on boy

■ A MAN, aged 21, has been arrested over an attack on a 12-year-old boy. Thames Valley Police said a man approached the boy in Calthorpe Street, Banbury, and punched him, knocking him out. The youth was then kicked and required hospital treatment following the incident on March 9. Police only released the details this week. The man has been released on bail until May 21.

Gems stolen

■ JEWELLERY has been stolen from a house in Horton View. Thieves broke a lock on the french doors to get inside sometime between 1.30pm and 3.30pm on Thursday of last week. Anyone who may have seen suspicious activity has been urged to call police on 101.

Charity cash

■ THE Chipping Norton Rotary Club has raised £1,100 for the Oxford Centre for Enablement. Cash was raised at the club's annual race night and will be used by the centre's physiotherapy departments. The centre provides specialist neurological rehabilitation for patients with long-term conditions.

Prison threat after former inmate admits owning air guns

A SERIAL offender, who clocked up 35 convictions for 239 offences over 24 years, has been given a four-month suspended sentence for possessing two air rifles.

Michael Lilley, of Heathway, Banbury, admitted owning two air rifles which police found after a search.

The 41-year-old was banned from possessing "firearms" after serving a three-year sentence for aggravated burglary in 1997.

Graham Bennett, defending, said: "He didn't appreciate that an air rifle was defined as being a firearm." Police also found a small amount of cannabis.

Sentencing, Judge Gordon Risius said: "You say you did not realise that the custodial sentence you were given prohibited you from possessing air rifles. Mr Bennett has persuaded me that you are not the only person who finds the legal provision difficult to follow." Lilley was given four months on each

of the two counts of possessing a firearm when prohibited, to be served concurrently, and one month concurrent for cannabis possession, all of which are suspended for two years. He pleaded guilty to all offences. He was also ordered to complete 120 hours of unpaid work and pay £200 costs.

■ Artist joins appeal to save threatened railway station artwork

Petition over mural

By Oliver Evans

THE artist behind a mural at Banbury station, which is set to be removed to make way for a new coffee shop, has signed a petition calling for it to stay.

Nigel Fletcher's 2001 mural marked the 150th anniversary of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's broad gauge railway.

But Chiltern Railways is to cover it up or remove it to make way for a Costa coffee shop.

Mr Fletcher said: "I hate to think that the depiction of such an important event in the town's history could be discarded for the sake of a coffee shop."

"I am pleased to see increasing public support and hope that Chiltern Railways will see sense and listen to the general public."

The petition – launched last month – has 65 signatures so far. Paul Pueschel wrote on it: "It shows the history of Banbury and should remain at Banbury station."

Karl Fletcher said: "It keeps Banbury unique. It's nice not to see Costa or other chains around every corner."

Banbury Civic Society has also called for the mural to stay.

Chiltern had said a false ceiling would be put in the unit, covering the mural, or it would be donated to a local organisation.

The rail firm said the changes would give the station "a more inviting and modern entrance area". It added: "We will either

protect it or donate it to an organisation that will preserve it."

Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry said he hoped the artwork could be used as part of the planned 950-home Canalside estate, south of the train station.

The Conservative said: "If



The mural, painted by artist Nigel Fletcher, at Banbury railway station

Chiltern Railways wants to remove it, and it is not listed, that is what they are going to do. We have to make the best of what we can achieve.

"While I appreciate the concerns of Banbury Civic Society and the artist, they are not the only voices."

"Rail users may well be

looking forward to an enlarged and improved service at the station."

The petition is at tinyurl.com/chhkhue

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Three skip firms ordered to pay back disposal fees

Waste firm wins fraud case victory

THREE skip hire firms have been ordered to pay back more than £200,000 in underpaid waste disposal fees.

Oxford County Court ruled in favour of Grundon Waste Management, which claimed the three firms had bribed their former staff to under weigh, wrongly record or not charge for waste disposal.

Now the court has ordered Andrew McDowell, of Banbury Mini Skips, to pay back £155,210 plus £36,797 interest; Anthony Hone, of ACH Mini Skips, £26,924 plus £7,279 interest, and Victor Ian Gardner, of Village Skips, was ordered to pay back £21,584 plus £4,075 interest.

Grundon was also awarded legal costs, to be split between the trio, of £52,904.

Grundon claimed each of the skip companies had breached its contract to use the waste disposal facilities and had "knowingly and dishonestly assisted employees to act in breach of their fiduciary and contractual obligations".

It related to an earlier hearing at Oxford Crown Court, in June, 2011, where former Grundon employees Sheldon Lewin, then

By Sam McGregor

46, admitted five counts of fraud, and Anthony Horne, then 26, admitted three charges of fraud, and were each given suspended prison sentences and 250 hours' community service.

During the hearing in 2011, the court was told the pair abused their positions as weighbridge operatives to take £10 a time from skip-lorry drivers to under-weigh their loads.

They had manually altered vehicle weights, did not weigh them at all, or incorrectly recorded the type of waste at Grundon's Transfer Station, in Thorpe Way Industrial Estate, Banbury.

Afterwards, Grundon finance director Clayton Sullivan-Webb said the fraud had taken place between 2007 and 2010 and it was unknown how much the company had lost in waste that had not been charged for.

He said: "These companies were collecting waste, bringing it to our weighbridge and bribing our employees to under-charge them for the amount of waste they were disposing."

"Companies like these not only give the industry a bad



Grundon finance director Clayton Sullivan-Webb: 'We will not tolerate any type of fraudulent activity'

name, but they were offering the public and businesses a cut-price service by committing fraudulent acts. Now they are paying the price.

"We were very pleased with the result."

He hopes the court case sent a clear message that Grundon did not "tolerate any type of fraudulent activity at its waste management sites".

Mr Sullivan-Webb said: "Our professional reputation and the standing of the waste management industry is extremely important to us and we believe this judgment will act as a deterrent to anyone

thinking of attempting to bribe our employees in the future. Be warned, we will take action against you."

Grundon disposes of different types of waste, including confidential, food, clinical and hazardous wastes.

No-one was available to comment from the skip hire firms.

The Banbury Cake understands Banbury Mini Skips, which was based in Station Approach, Banbury, has gone into administration, and in 2011 it reported that the couple who owned Village Skips had retired.

Depressed father 'took his own life'

A DAD-OF-TWO suffering from depression took his own life, an inquest heard.

Daniel Button, 35, was found hanging in the garage of his Banbury home by his brother, Ricky Shorter, on January 12.

His two sons were due to see him at his home in Wood Green that weekend.

He was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, but was declared dead on January 12, Oxfordshire Coroner's Court heard last Tuesday.

The inquest heard he had a history of depression and had previously attempted to take his own life.

A statement from his GP, Dr Angela Alcock, at Horsefair Surgery, said: "He had longstanding problems in his life."

These included suffering injuries – including a broken femur – from a car crash, having a long history of cannabis use, undergoing a total hip replacement, and depression.

She added his

death was a "complete shock" because he had not visited his GP recently.

Oxfordshire Coroner Darren Salter said: "First of all let me offer my condolences. I know there were two young sons and it is extremely sad especially from that point of view."

"So I offer my condolences to his family and particularly to the two boys."

He added: "There is evidence of intent to take his own life. That, therefore, is my verdict."

Inspections 'complete'

A HEALTH service watchdog said it managed to achieve its target of inspecting 447 Oxfordshire institutions in a year.

Concerns were raised in March that the Care Quality Commission did not have enough inspectors to complete the task.

The CQC only had two inspectors in November and five in March, but had

increased this to ten by the end of the month.

It has responsibility for inspecting all of Oxfordshire's health and social care institutions, ranging from care homes and dentists to Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

A CQC spokeswoman said: "We can confirm that all the services in Oxfordshire scheduled for an inspection last year received one."



Reward offered over 2004 killing

A REWARD of up to £40,000 has now been offered over the killing of Kevin Lavelle, pictured left.

Mr Lavelle, 29, died following a fight outside the Cricketer's Pub in Banbury in June, 2004.

The Merseyside resident, who was working in Banbury, got into an altercation with a group of Welsh men and was fatally struck

over the head with his own dumbbell bar. No-one admitted seeing who struck the blows.

The money comes from Thames Valley Police on top of other donations from Crimestoppers and the Justice for Kevin Lavelle Fund, set up by his friends and family.

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New delay to lifting ban on abdominal surgery

HOPES that abdominal surgery will return to the Horton General Hospital, Banbury, have been dashed after a consultation was delayed.

Surgery was suspended at the Horton General Hospital in January because managers said it did not have enough top doctors.

Hospital bosses had hoped

By Oliver Evans

for a spring consultation, but now it will not be completed before the end of March next year.

The body which took over the county's NHS spending on April 1 has said the delay was needed so it could draw up a commissioning strategy.

This will "look at how we would like primary, community and hospital services to be delivered throughout the county".

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's Dr Mary Keenan said: "Any consultation on changes to the Horton General Hospital will take place following the development of this strategy, but before the end of the current financial year."

The decision was backed by the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs the Horton.

Dr Keenan added: "Patient safety is paramount to us. We have, therefore, agreed with the OUH that while this work is progressed, the suspension of emergency abdominal surgery should remain in place."

Patients needing emergency procedures for abdominal issues such as hernias and appendicitis will be treated at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

About 28 patients, who would have gone to Banbury, will now go to Oxford, the trust

said. The hospital had five consultants for abdominal surgery but changes were made after this fell to just two.

The trust said this was for a "variety of reasons" but it "would not discuss individual members of staff".

Former Horton physician and Keep the Horton General campaign member Dr Peter Fisher criticised the plans.

He said: "There is a growing dossier of stories from patients who have had traumatic experiences, both on the journey and on arrival in Oxford, where it appears the service has been overwhelmed by the additional workload."

"There seems to be a worrying lack of appreciation of how a small district general hospital functions."

Dr Fisher said it would "be more sensible and humane for initial assessment to take place locally, so that only those found to require an urgent operation would need to make the journey".

And he questioned if the eventual consultation would be



MP Sir Tony Baldry

a "mere rubber stamping of a decision already taken".

Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry said: "Following the Francis report – into deaths at NHS hospitals in Staffordshire – I don't think it helps anyone if members of the public grandstand and say you should return a service which both the GPs and the trust says is unsafe."

"What is now required is some detailed work about where surgery is done throughout that trust."

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The 28-year-old's home in Gillett Close, Banbury, was adapted by Sanctuary Group and Cherwell District Council.

It has full wheelchair accessibility and a level-access shower.

Her mother, Brenda Housley, who also lives at the property, said: "It feels like I have gone to heaven."

"The bungalow is beautiful and makes such a difference because there is room to move."

"We can get in and out of the

house with the wheelchair and Rebecca can now go into the garden.

"We can do everything that we just couldn't do before. It helps that the area is flat, so I can push the wheelchair."

Sanctuary's Jonathan Mullins said: "It is great to see just how much our developments can help to improve the lives of people like Rebecca who find themselves needing a new home."

The council contributed £35,000.

Housing chief Debbie Pickford said: "I wish Rebecca and her family all the best for the future in their new home."



Debbie Pickford hands over the keys to Brenda Housley, watched by Sanctuary's Harj Lota



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Week-long operation by trading standards



PC Jon House and trading standards enforcement officer Charlotte Walton on patrol

Patrols track down county's rogue traders

A CRACKDOWN on rogue traders has saved Oxfordshire residents nearly £30,000 in just a week, trading standards have revealed.

Police and trading standards officers made eight arrests, seized three vehicles and issued six written warnings during the special week-long campaign.

Twenty-five police and five trading standards officers drove around every district in the county looking for rogue traders who were targeting vulnerable and elderly people.

They searched for rogue traders recently known to them, as well as new faces, stopping and chatting with workers from 54 different firms.

Trading standards' doorstep crime team leader Martin Woodley said: "This has been a useful operation, where both police and trading standards have obtained vital

By Pete Hughes

information. A lot of people have seen us out and about doing real work, which would also be a deterrent to would-be criminals."

Trading standards enforcement officer Charlotte Walton took part in the operation. She said: "We are looking at jobs involving roofing, guttering, driveways and gardening. Rogue traders often choose something on the outside of the house that they can spot easily.

"They won't look professional. They will be dressed in fairly everyday clothes and often don't have a van that would draw attention to them.

"They also won't have safety equipment."

One of their arrests was a 49-year-old on Wednesday. His customer said the man initially gave a quote of £300 for roof repairs,

which later shot up to £2,000.

The investigation then led them to an 87-year-old man who had gardening work done by the same suspect earlier in the day.

Mr Woodley said the suspect had offered a low price for the work but was believed not to have insurance or the right licence.

And on Tuesday, trading standards officers helped a 55-year-old woman, who said she felt intimidated by builders repairing her roof.

After initially giving her a quote of £5,000, officers said the builders changed that to £25,000 once they started work.

The woman, who did not want to be named, said: "I am very grateful.

"The officers made me feel a lot more confident about how to handle the situation when I was feeling vulnerable and under pressure."

Foundation stage plan gets go-ahead

HILL View Primary School in Banbury has been given the go-ahead to take younger children on to its roll.

The school can now open a foundation stage unit for three-year-olds.

Oxfordshire County Council education chief Melinda Tilley backed the proposal, meaning the school will now publish statutory notices and enter a six-week formal consultation phase.

The foundation unit at Hill View would move the former Hill View Pre-School, which

closed earlier this year after it received two "inadequate" Ofsted ratings.

It would open in September and would offer up to 40 part-time places, along with the option for parents of children not yet three to pay for a term of nursery prior to taking up a free place once they turn three.

Mrs Tilley said: "This will give us time to refurbish Hill View and do what we need to.

"I think they are both a good idea and I wasn't going to stand in their way."

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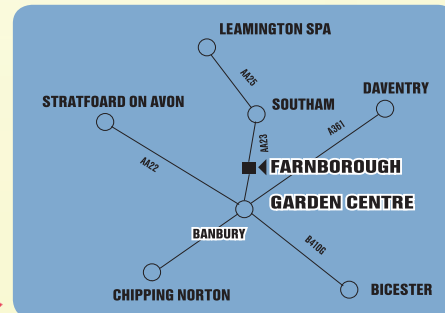
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■ Call follows fears of a looming measles epidemic

Plea to parents over vaccine jab

FAMILIES in Oxfordshire are being encouraged to get children and teenagers to have the MMR vaccine if they are not already protected.

A renewed call was made last week to increase the uptake of the vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps and rubella.

The aim of the latest programme by Public Health England is to prevent measles outbreaks by vaccinating as many unvaccinated and partially vaccinated ten- to 16-year-olds as possible in time for the new school year in September.

This follows high numbers of confirmed measles cases in the first three months of 2013, reaching 587 in England by the end of March.

This followed a record high of 2,000 cases countrywide in 2012.

Health bosses are calling for as many people as possible to get their children vaccinated, even though there were only two cases in the Thames Valley — and none in Oxfordshire — from January to March this year.

By Andrew Ffrench

In 2011, there were 24 cases and 17 last year, with six of these cases in Oxfordshire.

Peter Skolar, chairman of Oxfordshire joint health overview and scrutiny committee, said: "The county council became responsible for public health on April 1.

"Measles can kill and we are backing this call for parents to get their children vaccinated."

Dr James Mapstone, interim director for the Thames Valley Public Health England Centre, said: "Parents of unvaccinated children, teenagers and young adults who have missed out on MMR should urgently arrange to be vaccinated by their GP."

In Swansea, South Wales, a 25-year-old man died after suffering measles earlier this month in an outbreak affecting more than 800 people.

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Peter Skolar, of the joint health overview committee

InCOURT

Verdicts from magistrates courts around the county

■ **DAVID WILLIAMS**, 22, of Bretch Hill, Banbury, admitted two counts of burglary at Horley Scout Camp, Hornton Lane, Horley. Stole garden machinery from a shed on December 18 and December 9. Given 12-week prison sentence, suspended for 12 months, with 12-month supervision requirement and 20-day activity requirement. Also told to pay £300 compensation.

■ **STEVEN PALMER**, 21, of Elton Road, Banbury, failed to comply with a direction given by a police constable in South Bar Street, Banbury, on January 1. Did not leave the area when asked. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **MARCUS HADLAND**, 41, of Bicester Road, Middle Barton, admitted stealing a Lancia Beta Volumex Coupe, which was under restoration and worth £6,000, from Steeple Aston between August 15 and August 18. Also took an Alfa Romeo without permission from Steeple Aston on August 15. Community order made with 240-hour unpaid work requirement and told to pay £500 compensation.

■ **MOHAMED TASEEM**, 42, of Windrush, Banbury, admitted possessing cannabis, a Class-B drug, on January 27 in Dukes Meadow Drive, Banbury. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay £15 victims' surcharge and £45 costs.

■ **PAUL VARNEY**, 41, of Ruscote Avenue, Banbury, admitted drink-driving in Longlandes Way, Banbury on January 29. Had 87mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, above the legal limit of 35mg. Fined £475 and told to pay £48 victims' surcharge and £85 costs. Given 18-month driving ban.

■ **ADRIAN FANNON**, 34, of Evenlode, Banbury, admitted using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour to cause harassment, alarm or distress in Britannia Road, Banbury, on May 10. Fined £110 and told to pay £15 victims' surcharge and £45 costs.

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Ian Hudspeth, Conservative



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Ian Macdonald, UKIP

Cast your vote

BATTLE lines have been drawn ahead of today's fight at the ballot box for seats at County Hall.

All 63 seats in 61 Oxfordshire County Council divisions are up for election after boundary changes reduced the number of councillors serving on the authority by 11.

For current leader Ian Hudspeth, the outcome will be the first true test of his leadership and the council's record under his stewardship since he took office a year ago.

Mr Hudspeth, whose own seat of Woodstock is far from safe, said: "These elections are important to me, as it was only last year that I had, as honour of becoming leader of the council.

"Despite some difficult challenges and tough decisions, I've enjoyed my year as leader and, subject to the wishes of the residents of Oxfordshire, I would like to continue in the role."

He said his party had protected services in the face of a 32 per cent cut in Government support for the council.

By Freddie Whittaker

He said: "My vision for Oxfordshire is a county where all children have the opportunity to achieve their full potential, a county where we can have economic growth to provide the jobs for the children whilst at the same time protecting our superb environment."

"I want to lead a county that creates a cycle of aspiration to deliver a society that is safe, strong and sustainable."

The Liberal Democrats, currently the official opposition at County Hall with ten councillors, will be hoping to at least maintain their number of seats.

Group leader Zoe Patrick said: "Liberal Democrats work hard for their communities and will always listen and campaign for the issues that matter most to the people they serve."

"We wish to keep services local, enhance our environment, protect our elderly and support our young people."

Labour will be eyeing up the

opposition benches, with hopes of gains outside the city, currently its only stronghold.

Labour councillor and election agent John Tanner said: "This election is about fighting cuts and privatisation and running the county council differently and better."

"Labour wants more support for local schools, and better care for elderly people and families."

The Greens, who have already suffered a loss ahead of polling day after Chip Sherwood defected to the Tories, are also mounting a big challenge, fielding candidates for almost every seat.

Group leader Larry Sanders said: "There have been £28m cuts in adult social care over the last three years and £28m are planned for the next four years."

"All the other parties have accepted the total limit on the budget, a 1.99 per cent increase in council tax that makes these cuts inevitable."

"The Green budget called for a council tax increase of £20.44 a year, 40p a week, which would enable us to do away with the cuts

planned for the next four years."

UKIP is also hoping to scoop some seats in the county, and Oxford branch chairman Ian Macdonald said his party offered an alternative to the big parties.

Several independents are standing in South Oxfordshire and Oxford, and the Henley Residents' Group and Oxford Monster Raving Loony party will field a candidate each.



School praised over its improvements

ST JOSEPH'S Primary School, which was told it required improvement by Ofsted in November, has been praised for progress made so far. Inspectors said it had responded

positively to addressing its weaknesses and effective steps had been taken to clarify and strengthen the role of senior leaders. The school now needed to ensure all

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■ A 74-year-old woman died after a fall at home, a coroner heard. Jean Chapman fell at her home in Park Lane, North Newington, on January 5 and died four days later at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital. Recording a verdict of accidental death, Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter said she suffered a head injury, which resulted in her death.

Race tally

■ THE fundraisers of Chipping Norton Rotary Club staged a race night, which raised £2,220 for good causes. The cash will be split between Katharine House Hospice, Banbury, and the Oxford Centre for Enablement.

Sailing day

■ AN open day for Banbury Sailing Club will be held at Boddington Reservoir, Byfield, Northamptonshire, on Sunday, May 5. The 2pm-to-5pm event will include boating demonstrations. Visitors should bring a change of clothes, soft shoes and waterproofs. For more information, visit banburysailing.org.uk

Target number of births to be reached or unit may close again

Maternity unit - use it or lose it, say campaigners

CAMPAIGNERS say women must "use or lose" Chipping Norton's maternity unit once it reopens in July.

They spoke out after trust bosses would not guarantee that the troubled unit would stay open for longer than a year, if a target for the number of births there was not reached.

Births at the Cotswold Maternity Unit in Chipping Norton were suspended in October last year, but last month Oxford University Hospitals Trust board said it would re-open it on July 1.

They made the pledge as a report by the trust's head of midwifery, Jane Hervé, revealed management failures at the unit from 2008 to 2012, which led to its closure.

The number of births at the unit fell to just 32 between April and September last year and the report said the number would need to grow to 150 to 200 per year to maintain the viability of the unit.

By Andrew Ffrench

According to the trust, in 2008-09 there were 121 births, in 2010-11 there were 80 births, and in 2011-12 there were 117 births.

Campaigners at the Oxfordshire Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee said that it was unrealistic to expect the number of births to

reach 150 to 200 in the first year after opening. Mother-of-three Sarah Boyd, 43, whose two home births were managed by midwives from the Chipping Norton unit, spoke on behalf of the town's branch of the National Childbirth Trust.

She said: "Knowing that it is likely to take some considerable time to re-establish trust in the unit, it is unrealistic to achieve those sorts of numbers in the

first year." Following the meeting, she added: "I think there is now an element of 'use it, or lose it' for women in the area."

"If women continue to choose to go elsewhere and the trust does not reach its required number, I am absolutely sure the unit will get closed again."

"There now needs to be lots of publicity about the unit at GP surgeries in Chipping Norton and the surrounding area, in Gloucestershire and Warwickshire."

"The unit needs to be given at least two years to achieve its births target."

Samantha Mellor, 37, from Churchill, whose daughter, Isabel, was born at the unit, said: "There needs to be a major marketing campaign to get women back in there giving birth."

Andrew Stevens, director of planning for Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, said after a year there would be a review to

see how successful the reopened unit had been.

He added: "We do not have an expectation to hit the numbers within a year."

Following the meeting he would not guarantee that the unit would be allowed to stay open for more than a year if it did not achieve the target number of births.

But he added: "The target is for 150 to 200 births a year."

"It is not a pass or fail mark - it's something to aspire to with the local community."

He said initial efforts to promote the unit would focus on mothers in Chipping Norton, through the town's GPs.

"Then we will seek to move to other areas further afield," he said.

Miss Hervé's report featured 31 recommendations and, in a report to the committee, she said an action plan had been drawn up to address the problems that had led to the decision to suspend births.

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Meet the county's richest

Survey reveals league table of the wealthy

CHIPPING Norton set member Sir Charles Dunstone is now officially Oxfordshire's wealthiest person, with a fortune of around £1,080m.

The Carphone Warehouse founder is in 78th place on *The Sunday Times Rich List*.

His local promotion comes after the country's previous wealthiest person, Virgin boss Sir Richard Branson, moved out of his home in Kidlington.

Mr Branson is worth £3,514m and is in 19th place this year.

Mr Dunstone is closely followed by Wafic Said, who owns Tusmore Park, near Bicester, and who gave £20m towards the Said Business School in the Frideswide Square, Oxford.

The Syrian financier is worth £1,000m and is in 84th place.

The list is published each year, ranking the richest men and women living in the UK.

Sir Martyn Arbib, whose investment company, Invesco Perpetual, is based in South Oxfordshire, is in 268th position and he is worth £320m.

Chipping Norton set member, Elisabeth Murdoch and her husband, Matthew Freud, is worth £255m and is in 315th place.

Former Oxford United owner Firoz Kassam, who still owns the club's home ground as well as

By Damian Fantato

Heythrop Park, near Chipping Norton, is worth £214m but his wealth has fallen by £3m and he is in 372nd place.

Bookshop owner Nigel Blackwell and his family are in 414th place and worth £195m, Grove-based Formula One boss Sir Frank Williams is worth £115m and in 693rd place and The Duke of Marlborough, whose family owns Blenheim Palace, is worth £110m and in 713rd place.

Further up the table the country's second wealthiest person is Lenonard Blavatnik, who is worth £11,000m and gave £75m towards Oxford University's school of government, which bears his name.

Britain's wealthiest person is Alisher Usmanov, the mining mogul who owns part of Arsenal Football Club and is worth £13,300m.

Sex charges sentence

A 17-year-old has avoided a prison sentence for sending "obscene" text messages to three 12-year-old girls.

The defendant, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared in Oxford Crown Court and was given a 12-month youth rehabilitation order.

He was convicted on three counts of inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity, in relation to three girls, between January 2011 and February last year.

The teenager, who is from Banbury, was cleared of encouraging a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity, rape, attempted rape and sexual assault on January 21, 2012, in relation to another girl.

Describing the messages he sent as "obscene", Judge Ian Pringle also sentenced the defendant to a four-day reparational activity requirement, a 21-week course about harmful sexual behaviour and made him subject to a sexual offences prevention order.

Planning verdict is deferred

A DECISION on whether to let Banbury Academy sell part of its playing field for housing has been deferred by councillors.

The school – formerly Banbury School – wants permission for 44 homes, an artificial pitch, sports hall extension and outdoor climbing

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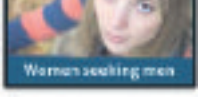
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BLOSSOM WITH TLC Attractive Abingdon widow, 80, would like to meet a non-smoking, active gent, to enjoy days out and cosy times in with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 139676

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WE COULD BE GOOD TOGETHER

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PERFECT HARMONY Fun-loving, easygoing, tactile Witney biker, 41, 6ft, stocky build, shaven head and goatee, seeks fun loving, cheeky lady to share life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 108035

DECISION IS YOURS

Open-minded, white Wantage male, 44, 6'4", black hair, green eyes, medium build, own flat, would like to meet a black lady, to share life together. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 139413 or send a text to 80360

GOOD COMPANIONSHIP

Confident, friendly Wantage male, 44, 6'4", green eyes, likes cooking, sports, cinema, looking to meet a black lady, 26-42, to enjoy good company and more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 141512 or send a text to 80360

SHARE THE MOMENT

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ENERGIZER TIME

Honest, friendly and charming Oxford male, 45, 6'3", stocky build, great sense of humour, enjoys sport, travel, cosy times and social drinks, seeking a fun-loving female, for happier times. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 101716 or send a text to 80360

COME CLOSER

Active, kind-hearted and upbeat Oxford bloke, 46, 6'3", looking to find an insightful, liberal woman, for fun and maybe a little romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 130080

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

Hero returns with thrills

IRON MAN 3 (12A, 129 mins)
Action/Sci-Fi/Thriller/Romance.
Robert Downey Jr, Sir Ben Kingsley, Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Don Cheadle, Jon Favreau, Rebecca Hall. Director: Shane Black.

Now there's a hint of sunshine in our lives, we can actually contemplate the arrival of summer and in the cinematic terms that means the blockbusters are coming.

One of the early ones out of the block is *Iron Man 3* in which Robert Downey Jr returns as the billionaire-inventor-superhero Tony Stark, aka Iron Man.

Directed and co-written by Shane Black, the man behind the *Lethal Weapon* movies and hailed as a pioneer of the action genre, it's a real romp of a movie (which will be welcome news to those who sat through the arduous prequel.)

This time, the film-makers have gone for a back-to-basics feel in which Stark is forced to find a way back to being a superhero when all his money and toys are stripped away.

Technically it's a sequel to two films, *Iron Man 2* and last summer's *The Avengers* in which Iron Man and a roll call of *Marvel* comic book heroes united to protect Manhattan from aliens.

Stark hasn't coped so well in the aftermath of these events (this is a person who previously thought he was the most powerful man in the world) and we find him a nervy insomniac prone to panic attacks.

He does at least have his former assistant-turned-CEO Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow) on hand to soothe him as the pair have moved in together.

It's not long, though, before their domestic bliss is thwarted by a two-pronged attack – the arrival of biologically advanced super-powered humans and the mysterious figurehead of a terror group known as The Mandarin.

The special effects are faultless and deserve to be seen in 3D, while Iron Man's suit, which appears like swarm of bees and attaches itself piece by piece to Stark, adds extra interest.

This movie supersedes many (including *Iron Man 2*) in that the thrills and spills are never to the detriment of the story and script, which feel sharp and fresh.

Downey Jr gives an entertainingly jittery performance as a superhero on the edge, while his jaded one-liners raise a laugh.

In any other film, Stark's relationship with the young boy, who discovers him recuperating in his shed, would be played for schmalz – but not here.

Instead, Downey Jr delivers acerbic lines to great comic effect.

While Guy Pearce, as the founder of a brain-trust organisation, Don Cheadle, as Stark's ally, and Rebecca Hall, as his former lover, all put in charismatic performances, although it has to be said the latter feels underused.

A special mention has to go to Sir Ben Kingsley, as The Mandarin, and a turn of events that feels truly



Film still from *Iron Man 3*, with Robert Downey Jr

inspired. Fun for both fans and newbies to the comic book world, the movie may be a lengthy 129 minutes but it doesn't feel like it.

That's a bonus as you won't want to leave your seat before you've seen the end-of-credits surprise.

CakeWhat's on

Events SATURDAY

The Fibre Festival: The Town Hall, High Street, Chipping Norton. 10am-4pm. Greeted by sheep and lambs on parade, visitors can view and be involved with spinning, weaving, and other textiles crafts such as rag rugging. Local knit groups can join a grand 'knit-in' – with vintage teas being served. Local History Society will be hosting a display of the history of the mill and the town's wool trade, and there will also be guided walks with rare access to the mill itself. 01608 645970.

SUNDAY

Abingdon Air and Country Show: Abingdon airfield, off Barrow Road, Shippon. 10am to 5.40pm. The Abingdon Air and Country Show has a varied ground show to go along with a fly-in of both modern and vintage aeroplanes and the associated air display. Held in support of local Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust. Tickets and parking: £15, OAP £10, 5-15yrs £5, under-5s

free. Gates 10am, ends 5.30pm 07769689823.

Music

SATURDAY: University Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Street, Oxford: Bach - B minor mass. The opening concert of the Oxford Early Music Festival brings together the International Baroque Players and a star-studded team of soloists (including James Bowman) under the direction of Daniel Hyde, Informator Choristurum at Magdalen College, in Bach's choral masterpiece. 7.30pm. £22, £15. 01865 305305.

SUNDAY: Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Quintessential. A fun and fascinating family concert full of all the timeless classics to entertain and educate children Featuring 'Peter and the Wolf' and the 'Teddy Bears Picnic', alongside interactive numbers such as the 'Weakest Link' (where players are voted off by the audience), this Oxford-based wind quintet will present music to educate and

entertain. Suitable for all ages. 0844 8700 887.2:00pm£3.50 (£6.50 adults)

Sun Inn, High Street, Hook Norton: Roughcut Ruby. Four-piece party band perform a bank holiday special. Free admission. 8.30pm. 01608 737570.

Theatre

The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton: May 2-4, *The Mikado*. Chipping Norton Amateur Operatic Society (CHAOS) return to Gilbert and Sullivan. £12.50, matinee £10.50. 7.30pm, Sat mat 2.30pm. Box office: 01608 642350.
New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: May 4-5, English National Ballet's *My First Cinderella*, presented by English National Ballet and English National Ballet School. For a young audience. Prokofiev's score accompanied with narration. Sat 11am, 2 and 5pm, Sun 11am and 3pm. Tickets £11-£26. Box office: 0844 847 1585 and 1588.



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Bedworth Utd	42	11	9	22	59	73	42
Kettering Tn	42	8	8	26	47	102	22

* 10pts deducted

A DEPLETED Banbury United side lost at Bashley in their last Premier Division game of the season.

Without a host of first-team regulars, due to injury and suspension, the Puritans handed debuts to reserve team regulars Leam Howards and Connor Collins.

They managed to raise 11 players, but could not name any subs.

And the new-look visitors had the better of the first half, but without either side creating

**Bashley 2
(Gamble 48, 90+6)
Banbury United 0**

clear chances.

Three minutes after the break, however, Bashley took the lead when substitute Rob Gradwell fed Mark Gamble, who rounded Banbury goalkeeper Warren Carter to score.

In the 60th minute, Bashley were reduced to ten men when Matt Finlay was sent off for a second yellow card after jumping into a tackle with Collins.

Despite a man advantage, Banbury did not look likely to equalise, Ben Polk's shot wide from distance in the 78th minute the closest they came.

Banbury's fate was sealed in the sixth minute of stoppage time when Harold Agyeman-Prempeh brought down Gradwell in the area with Gamble converting the spot-kick.

Banbury Utd: Carter, Shariff, Martin, Ashton, Sc Bridges, Agyeman-Prempeh, Polk, Dumbleton, Skendi, Howards, Collins.

Attendance: 196.



Ben Polk's shot wide was nearest Banbury came to scoring

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ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19

There seems to have been a lot of reorganization over the last few months, both career wise and at home. This week should see the conclusion of a plan which will have a most favourable ending. Don't spend money just to save face this weekend. You'll only end up red faced and embarrassed as you find yourself short of cash when you really need it. Ring now to better understand family.

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LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Too much time listening to what other people think you should do is pushing you away from the path you're meant to be on. Make some time for yourself, on your own, to think about what it was you really wanted. What was your plan? Asking yourself and not others this question can put you back on the path to happiness. Ring now to hear which sign is not telling you truths this month.

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TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

A close one seems to object to a new friend you've made. Will you be told how you can live your life or will you stand up to them? Come on you're a Taurus, you'll never take orders like that lying down, will you? Just make sure you talk your answer through rather than shouting or you'll cast yourself as immature. Give me a call now to hear how a holiday beckons for you.

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SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Neglected correspondence and a forgotten debt catch up with you this week. Do not weaken when an alternative to a plan you have is offered. Do not allow a past experience to sway your answer to a question put to you over the course of this week. What I'm saying Scorpio is stand strong, you are able to handle all of these situations. Ring now to hear how miracles beckon and call your name.

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GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

You are going to have to be extra firm this week when dealing with a person who is acting in some sort of an official or legal capacity, otherwise you will find yourself out of your depth. You receive more attention romantically, but don't waste your time where you have no long term interests. Cancelled plans at the weekend make way for much better fun. Ring now so I can reveal what your future holds.

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SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Keep that new secret to yourself or it could cause trouble to a third party. Indecision spoils what could have been a perfect experience. You're too busy worrying what other people think rather than how you feel yourself. You will find keen competition in the romantic field if you are single and if you are attached an uncalled for remark or gesture could cause a rift. Ring now to straighten life out.

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CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

A last minute decision will have pleasing results socially. Before you were doing what looked right, but now you'll be doing what feels right instead. Be careful of falling for someone who is not, and will never be free. Just make sure you talk your answer through rather than shouting or you'll cast yourself as immature. Give me a call now to hear how a holiday beckons for you.

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CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Old and forgotten memories will be revived this week by a chance meeting. You may receive a small gift unexpectedly. Happiness triggered by a thoughtful action on your part makes a fan of someone who previously never really understood you. The written or emailed word helps you to take your career to a whole new level. Give me a call to hear how your career is blessed by the stars.

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LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

Joint ventures will bring better results this week in all things. Pay attention to detail, it's what can give you the edge on the competition. Interesting news reaches you by Thursday, which will cause you to make an on the spot decision. Avoid the role of peacemaker at work as it will only involve you in something that doesn't concern you. Ring now to hear how new towns beckon to your sign.

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AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Your easy going personality (when you want it to be) will be imposed upon and you will find yourself taking on more work than you bargained for. A lack of energy is bothering you. Deal with it and work out how you can best find some 'me' time for yourself. Gossip in the workplace could affect your career. Just remember to keep out of what doesn't concern you. Ring now for insight.

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VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

A lighter atmosphere prevails at work this week, due to new arrangements that have been made. You will inconvenience a friend unintentionally but beware over explaining as this seems only to serve to make you look more guilty. New projects started now have the backing of the stars for success. Give me a call now to hear why you mustn't be emotionally manipulated any more.

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PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

Don't let a romantic interest or partner bring you into a promise which you don't feel comfortable with. Family engineering surprise and something which happens in your inner circle cuts you free and gives you more freedom than before. You find yourself very much in the limelight in your work. Don't be afraid to tell others how hard you've worked. Call now to delve into your future.

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By David Duffy

A colleague unwittingly hit the nail on the head when he slipped into the Boxster's passenger seat.

"Didn't you have one of these a couple of months ago?" he asked. No, I replied, that was a 911.

The mistake, especially in the dark, was understandable. But the similarities extend way beyond mere looks.

For the Boxster package delivers all the essence of Porsche, superb performance, precise handling, excellent sound, in a smaller, slinkier and, crucially, much more affordable package.

The sales success of the original two-seater Boxster was reckoned to be the car that saved the German sports car maker. Launched in 1996, the two-seater Boxster was massively popular, selling more than a quarter of a million.

The third generation simply offers more of everything.

Bigger yet lighter and more economical, the changes to the design make the Boxster look more dramatic. The bi-xenon headlights and reworked grille give more impact to the front end and the side profile is more sculpted to give a slinkier, elegant silhouette.

But the real test of any sports car is how it performs. And the answer to that is simply brilliantly. The test

car used the flat six, 2.7-litre engine with a potential 261 horsepower, which is more than enough for anyone, except the supremely power-hungry. For those there is the 3.4-litre Boxster S, but I would save your money.

The real joy of the Boxster is the combination of pinpoint handling and superbly responsive steering in tight, twisting bends. But the even better news is that the ride comfort of the Boxster on long journeys is first-class, as is the seven-speed Porsche-Doppelkupplungsgetriebe 'PDK' automatic transmission. This gearbox can be operated from paddles mounted on the steering column, but leave it to work its electronic magic on its own and the car delivers seamless gearchanging, faster acceleration and better fuel consumption than any driver can manage.

The result is a car that is more



SALES SUCCESS: The original Boxster is credited as the car that saved the sports car maker

responsive, more agile and simply more fun. Fuel savings are assisted by auto stop/start and an ingenious 'coasting' system borrowed from the 911 Carrera. A sport button also allows you to choose between a sporty and a comfortable set-up designed for fuel economy.

The Boxster does make you ask if you need to buy a 911? Fans of the big brother will point to its extra performance and razor-sharp handling when teetering on the edge, but how often can you honestly use that? And the Boxster is about half the price of a 911 Carrera.

Auto facts

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Newcarscene

Carbon-fibre cocoon for latest BMW

THERE were stern warnings from the Institute of Public Policy Research that greater investment is required in electric car infrastructure to ensure Britain isn't left behind.

Although the electric car grant is still in operation, giving a £5,000 subsidy on electric vehicles, it is the infrastructure that is required to make them sufficiently desirable to a wide audience.

In Leipzig, Germany, BMW is putting the finishing touches to the production-version of its i3 electric car, due to be officially announced in July.

It has similarities with other pure electric vehicles such as the Nissan Leaf in that it was

designed from the ground up to be electric rather than an electrified version of an existing car.

But BMW's approach to a new electric vehicle is far more comprehensive than that.

Towering high above the BMW plant at Leipzig are new wind turbines, 150m in height to give the best performance.

They will power the factory that produces the i3 to ensure that this element of production is 100% sustainable.

But the i3 story starts thousands of miles away in Moses Lake, just outside of Seattle, where a hydro-electric plant powers carbon company SGL's site.

In a joint venture with BMW, SGL

is producing cheaper carbon fibre materials for the new electric vehicle.

Carbon fibre is immensely strong but lightweight; 50% lighter than the equivalent steel — which is why F1 cars are made of it. The expense of production has ruled it out of all but supercars, yet the i3 will be constructed almost entirely of it. Sitting underneath the tough safety cell is the i3's electric drive pack, with the batteries sandwich in the best place for safety and performance and the motor at the rear.

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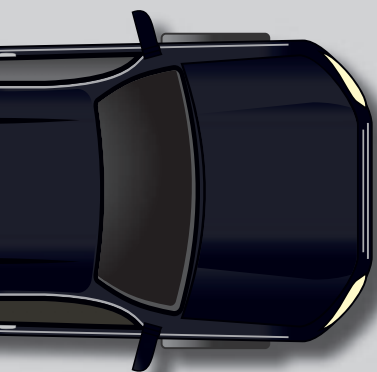
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03 53 FORD FOCUS 1.4, 5 Door, Dark Green, A/C, CD, Alloys, Elec Windows, Airbags	£16	£3499		
03 03 VOLKSWAGEN POLO 1.2 E, 5 Door, Dark Green, A/C, Power Steering, Elec Windows	£16	£3499		
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04 04 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 LIFE, 3 Door, Blue, PAS, CD, Airbag, Elec Windows	£14	£2999		
03 03 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SXI, 3 Door, Met Gold, Elec Windows, Airbags, CD	£14	£2999		
03 03 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 CLUB, Green, A/C, CD, Alloys, One Owner From New	£14	£2999		
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01 51 HONDA ACCORD 1.8 VTEC, 5 Door, Silver, A/C, CD, Airbags, Elec Windows	£12	£2499		
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01 51 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 LX, 5 Door, Cyprus Green, A/C, CD, Alloys, Elec Windows, PAS, Ideal First Car	£12	£2499		
01 51 FORD MONDEO 1.8 ZETEC, 5 Door, Silver, A/C, CD, Alloys, Airbags, Elec Windows	£11	£2299		
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07 57 CITROEN PICASSO 1.6 HDI VTX DIESEL, Dark Bronze, A/C, CD, Alloys, Elec Windows	£18	£3999		
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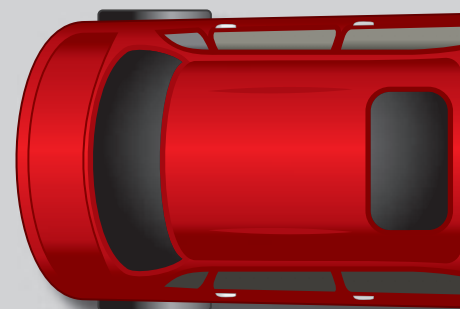
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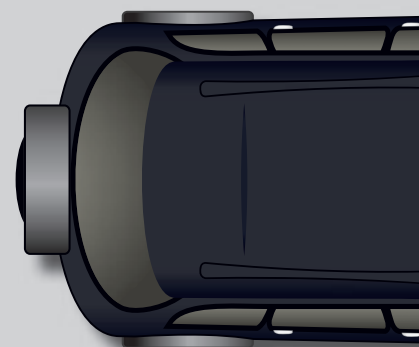
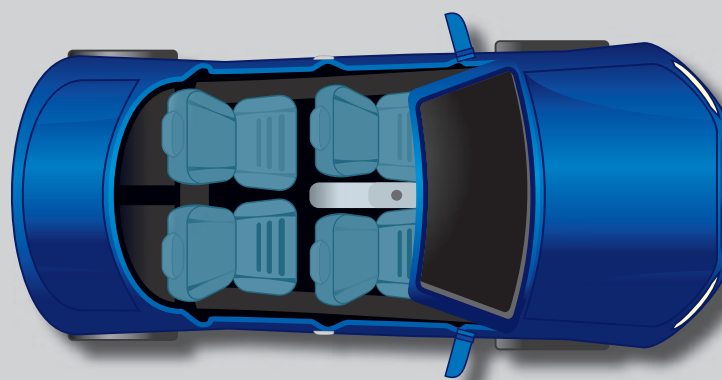
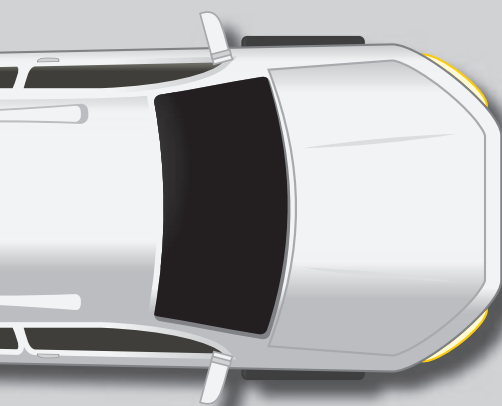




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